

Community Project Funding requests

- Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies:
 - The Advanced Manufacturing program at the Kent Career Tech Center
 - Requested \$900,000
 - Recipient: Kent Intermediate School District
 - Recipient address: 2930 Knapp NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525
 - The applied Medical Device Institute (aMDI) at Grand Valley State University's Seymour and Esther Padnos College of Engineering and Computing located in Grand Rapids, MI
 - Requested \$1,000,000
 - Recipient: Grand Valley State University
 - Recipient address: 1 Campus Drive, Allendale, MI 49401
 - The Student Resiliency Center/Behavioral Health Family Treatment Center at Starr Commonwealth
 - Requested \$850,000
 - Recipient: Starr Commonwealth
 - Recipient address: 13725 Starr Commonwealth Road, Albion, MI 49224

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Advanced Manufacturing programs at the Kent Career Tech Center.

The project sponsor for this project is the Kent Intermediate School District (ISD), located at 2930 Knapp NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525.

The funding is designated to help build upon the Kent Career Tech Center (KCTC) Advanced Manufacturing Lab and programs. The equipment purchased will allow Kent ISD to centralize its Mechatronics, Precision Machining, and Welding Technology courses at KCTC. This will allow students in any of the programs to gain cross industry exposure and will allow students to learn everything from programming with CAD/CAM software to operation of the full range of machine tools.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits: Expanding the Advanced Manufacturing Lab will support the West Michigan manufacturing industry, and ensure students are well equipped to explore career and technical education programs.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress
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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the applied Medical Device Institute (aMDI) at the Grand Valley State University Seymour and Esther Padnos College of Engineering and Computing.

The project sponsor for this project is Grand Valley State University, located at 1 Campus Drive, Allendale, MI 49401.

The funding would be used for curricula, technology and communications upgrades and salary needs for the applied Medical Device Institute (aMDI), a critical research, economic, and educational program within Grand Valley State University's Padnos College of Engineering.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits:

The education and, more specifically, the technology will benefit the Grand Rapids area through job creation and other spin-off opportunities all while educating West Michigan students. Additionally, the funding for the aMDI will help the nation in its effort to remain competitive when international competition is quite fierce. West Michigan is the home of great innovation (pharma, biotech, manufacturing) and I believe aMDI will serve as a robust, productive home for innovation and education.

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Student Resiliency Center/ Behavioral Health Family Treatment Center at Starr Commonwealth. The project sponsor for this project is Starr Commonwealth, located at 13725 Starr Commonwealth Road, Albion, MI 49224.

The funding would be used to expand access to comprehensive mental and behavioral health day treatment and outpatient services for vulnerable children, students and families across the south-central region of Michigan through the development of a self-sustaining Behavioral Health Family Treatment Center at Starr's existing facilities.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits: The region in Michigan served by Starr Commonwealth is a Health Professional Shortage Area for Mental Health Care Services, Primary Care and Dental Care, as designated by the US Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). Nearly one in five Michigan youth have at least one mental health condition, with 13 percent having reported depressive episodes. Yet, fewer than half have been able to access care. Michigan ranks third in shortages of mental healthcare professionals, with just 11 mental health professionals per 100,000 people, currently available in Michigan. Rural counties, such as Calhoun County, are hardest hit with higher levels of individuals, especially youth, needing assistance but going untreated. Development of Starr Commonwealth's Behavioral Health Family Treatment Center aims to directly address this critical disparity in the community, and which is of increasing urgency.

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